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AMCONSUL HAMBURG

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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATIONS ON UN CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER
CONFERENCES

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1. EMBASSY ECON/COMMERCIAL MINISTER-COUNSELOR ON JUNE 5
TOOK OCCASION OF MEETING ON OTHER SUBJECT TO RAISE CODE
OF CONDUCT QUESTION WITH FRG ASST. SECRETARY AT CHANCELL-
ORY HISS AND FONOFF ASST. SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
HERMES. WHILE EXPRESSING UNDERSTANDING OF US VIEWPOINT,
BOTH WERE CONFIDENT FRG WOULD SIGN CONVENTION FOR SAME
REASONS GIVEN EARLIER BY FONOFF OFFICIAL VON RUMOHR
(REFTEL B) THAT FRG HAD VOTED FOR CONVENTION AND WOULD BE
EMBARRASSED VIS-A-VIS LDC'S IF IT FAILED TO SIGN NOW.
HOWEVER THEY POINTED OUT THAT RATIFICATION QUESTION WAS
LESS CLEAR AND WOULD DEPEND LARGEMLY ON EC FINDINGS
ON ACCORDANCE OF CODE WITH TREATY OF ROME. THOUGH
THEY BELIEVE ROME TREATY NOT APPLICABLE HERE THEY STILL
CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO CLEAR MATTER THROUGH BRUSSELS.
THEY NOTED THAT DUTCH AND DANES HAD MADE FORCIBLE
REPRESENTATIONS OPPOSING CODE, BUT THAT FRG
HAS HAD NO SIMILAR PRESSURE FROM BRITISH. HERMES
STATED PLAINLY THAT HE BELIEVED THERE WAS NO QUESTION
THAT FRG WOULD SIGN CONVENTION AND THAT HE WAS IRRITATED
BY INTERVENTION OF ECONOMICS MINISTRY IN MATTER HE
CONSIDERED TO BE IN FOREIGN OFFICE COMPETENCE. (IN
SEPARATE CONVERSATION ECONOMICS MINISTRY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FRAU STEEG TOLD THE MINISTER-COUNSELOR THAT
SHE WOULD WORK TO HAVE ECONOMICS MINISTER HOLD OUT
AGAINST SIGNING.)

2. ON JUNE 7 OECD AMBASSADOR TURNER AND MINISTER-
COUNSELOR DISCUSSED CONVENTION WITH SECRETARY
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OF STATE FOR TRANSPORTATION HEINZ RUHNAU WHO SAID
HE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN AWARE OF USG OPPOSITION
TO FRG'S SIGNING CONVENTION AND WOULD NOW CONSIDER
MATTER AGAIN IN VIEW OF OUR POSITION. HE SAID HE
DID NOT LIKE TO MAKE WAVES OVER PRINCIPLE. SHIPPING
INDUSTRY IN HAMBURG IN BAD SHAPE AND WANTED THIS
CONVENTION SO TRANSPORT MINISTRY HAD BEEN MOVING IN
THIS DIRECTION.

3. COMMENT: USG VIEWS OF CONVENTION NOW HAVE BEEN
BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF HIGH LEVELS OF CHANCELLORY AND
RELEVANT MINISTRIES, BUT WE ARE NOT OVERLY HOPEFUL
THAT OUR REPRESENTATIONS WILL CHANGE FRG POSITION.
DEPARTMENT PRESUMABLY WILL NOW WANT TO WEIGH PRIORITIES
AND DECIDE WHETHER WE WILL CARRY FURTHER OUR OPPOSITION
TO FRG'S SIGNING CONVENTION.
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